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COUNTRY VENEZUELA/CUBA

CUBANA AIRLINES

DOI EARLY NOVEMBER 1976

SUBJECT ~~X~~ CUBAN OFFER TO SUPPLY VENEZUELA WITH EVIDENCE ON THE

CUBANA AIRLINER CRASH

ACQ [VENEZUELA, CARACAS] (S) (5-10 NOVEMBER 1976) [FIELD NO HVC 7541

SOURCE A VENEZUELAN WITH CLOSE CONTACTS AMONG VENEZUELAN SECURITY
OFFICIALS. HIS RELIABILITY HAS NOT BEEN ESTABLISHED.

1. DURING THE WEEK OF 1 NOVEMBER 1976 RETIRED GENERAL RAUL
GIMENEZ GAINZA, HEAD OF THE DIRECTORATE FOR THE SERVICES OF

INTELLIGENCE AND PREVENTION (DISIP), SAID THAT HE HAD ACCEPTED AN
OFFER BY THE CUBAN GOVERNMENT TO PROVIDE HIM WITH EVIDENCE AGAINST THE
FOUR INDIVIDUALS CURRENTLY UNDER DETENTION IN VENEZUELA IN THE CASE
OF THE 6 OCTOBER CRASH OF A CUBANA AIRLINER. THE CUBAN OFFER,
GIMENEZ SAID, CAME FROM NORBERTO HERNANDEZ CURBELO, THE
CUBAN AMBASSADOR TO VENEZUELA.

2. THE EVIDENCE, GIMENEZ SAID, CONSISTS OF MEDICAL REPORTS WHICH
THE CUBANS HAVE INFORMED HIM CLEARLY INDICATE THAT THE CUBANA CRASH

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WAS CAUSED BY A POWERFUL BOMB. THE BODIES OF THE CRASH VICTIMS WERE EXAMINED BY DOCTORS FROM BARBADOS AND ANOTHER UNIDENTIFIED COUNTRY, AND CUBAN DOCTORS WERE IN NO WAY INVOLVED WITH THE EXAMINATIONS OR THE PREPARATION OF THE MEDICAL REPORTS. GIMENEZ SAID THAT HERNANDEZ INFORMED HIM THAT THEY SHOW THAT AN EXPLOSION DEFINITELY OCCURRED IN THE AIRCRAFT, AS MANY OF THE BODIES OF THE CRASH VICTIMS WERE BLOWN APART AT THE WAIST.

3. THE VENEZUELAN GOVERNMENT, GIMENEZ SAID, BADLY NEEDS ADMISSIBLE EVIDENCE AGAINST THE FOUR DETAINEES, AS LITTLE SUCH EVIDENCE CURRENTLY EXISTS. IN THE EVENT THAT THIS LACK OF EVIDENCE PERSISTS, GIMENEZ SAID THAT IT WAS POSSIBLE THAT THE CASE WOULD BE TURNED OVER TO THE MILITARY COURT WHERE MUCH LESS EVIDENCE IS NEEDED FOR CONVICTION.

4. ~~[[FIELD]]~~ COMMENT: A USUALLY RELIABLE SOURCE INDEPENDENTLY REPORTED THAT TWO DISIP OFFICERS ARE TO BE DISPATCHED TO HAVANA ON THE MORNING OF 11 NOVEMBER TO PICK UP THE EVIDENCE OFFERED GIMENEZ BY THE CUBAN GOVERNMENT. A SOURCE OF UNDETERMINED RELIABILITY INDEPENDENTLY REPORTED THAT AS OF EARLY NOVEMBER THE VENEZUELAN GOVERNMENT LACKED ADMISSIBLE EVIDENCE AGAINST THOSE SUSPECTED OF BEING INVOLVED IN THE CUBANA INCIDENT, BEFORE VENEZUELAN COURTS

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CAN PROCEED WITH A CRIMINAL CASE AGAINST ANYONE SUSPECTED OF BEING INVOLVED IN THE CUBANA CRASH, THE AUTHORITIES MUST PROVE THAT A CRIME WAS INDEED COMMITTED. THE CUBAN INFORMATION MIGHT PROVIDE THE NEEDED PROOF OF A CRIMINAL ATTACK AGAINST THE AIRCRAFT AND ITS PASSENGERS.)

5. ~~(FIELD)~~ DISSEM: EMBASSY , FBI AT CARACAS,
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